

Abstract of the Disclosure

A catheter comprising an inflatable balloon having a proximal end, a distal end, and an inflation cavity therebetween, a catheter shaft having the inflatable balloon affixed proximate a distal end thereof, the catheter shaft having an inflation lumen fluidly connected to the balloon inflation cavity. A guidewire lumen extends through the balloon cavity within a tubular member which is affixed to the inflatable balloon proximate the distal end. A reinforcing sleeve, having a proximal portion and a distal portion with a lumen extending therethrough, wherein the distal portion of the sleeve extends into the inflation cavity with at least a portion of the tubular member slidably disposed through the lumen thereof and the proximal portion is fixed relative to the catheter shaft and disposed in the catheter shaft inflation lumen.

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